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Examiner

THUAN T. NGUYEN

Applicant(s)

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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-6 and 17-26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 April 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Please amend the following items in the specification (because the specification refers to canceled claims 2-3 and 7-16 and new renumbered claims due to this reason—see index of claims):

On page 6, line 3: please delete —claim 2—and insert —another embodiment--.

On page 7, line 20: please delete —claim 4—and change to—claim 10--.

On page 9, line 6: please delete —claim 5—and change to —claim 11--.

On page 10, line 17: please delete —claim 6—and change to —claim 12--.

On page 11, line 26: please delete —claim 9—and insert—another embodiment--.

On page 13, line 6: please delete —claim 13—and insert —another embodiment--.

On page 14, line 10: please delete —claim 14—and insert —another embodiment--.

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***Conclusion***

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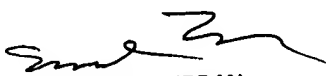
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**4.** Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Thuan Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7895. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM, with alternate Fridays off.

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